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FM JCS

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INFO RUEPWW/WHITE HOUSE

RUEHCR/STATE

RUEPIA/CIA

RUEPCR/NSA

021242Z

FM CINCPACFLT

INFO RUEKDA/JVV

RUECW/SECNAV

RUATH/COMNAVFORJAPAN

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COMNAVFORJAPAN NOT ADDEE PASS TO SECNAV

QUOTE

Z 020949Z

FM CTG 72.1

TO RUECW/CNO

RUHLHQ/CINCPAC

RUHLHL/CINCPACFLT

RUMSMA/COMUSMACV

RUM /CTG 72

RUMGCR/USS TICONDEROGA

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RUM:4/CTG 70.8

RUMGCR/USS TURNER JOY

RUMGCR/SSO MADDOX

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GULF OF TONKIN ACTION SITREP (S)

1. MY POSITION AT 020915Z: 19-21.5N 106-46E. RETIRING AT BEST SPEED TO RDVU WITH TURNER JOY THENCE TICO UNODIR.

2. PRESENT SITUATION CALM. ANTICIPATE RDVU WITH TURNER JOY APPRO 021200Z. TICO AIRCRAFT PROVIDING CONTINUOUS AIR SUPPORT. MADDOX AIR RADAR INOP. TURNER JOY PROVIDING AIR DETECTION. VOICE COMY WITH CTG 77.5 ON CKT D30.1F.

3. ACTION SUMMARY FOLLOWS:

1. AT 020750Z 3 TORPEDO BOATS NEARING 268 TRUE; RANGE 11.5 NM
PAGE TWO RUMGCR 020X

WERE DETECTED CLOSING MADDOX AT SPEED OF 50 KTS. MADDOX

2. MADDOX ATTEMPTED TO AVOID ON COURSE 150° SPEED 27 KTS.

3. AT 0808Z WHEN BOATS CLOSED TO 9000 YARDS MADDOX TURNED TO COURSE 150 TRUE AND FIRED 3 WARNING SHOTS WITH 5 INCH BATTER.

4. TORPEDO BOATS CONTINUED TO CLOSE AND WERE TAKEN UNDER CONTINUOUS FIRE.

5. ALTHOUGH RECEIVING NUMEROUS HITS AND NEAR MISSED 2 BOATS CLOSE TO ABOUT 5000 YARDS AND BECAUSE OF VOLUME OF FIRE MADE AN INEFFECTIVE LAUNCH OF 2 TORPEDOES. MADDOX TURNED AWAY AND

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TORPEDOES PASSED ON STARBOARD SIDE FROM AFT TO FORWARD. THIRD
TORPEDO BOAT HAD PULLED ALMOST ABEAM BY 0821Z. HE TURNED TO CLOSE
AND AT TIME OF RECEIVING DIRECT HIT DROPPED TORPEDO IN WATER BUT
IT WAS NOT OBSERVED TO RUN.

7. MACHINE GUN FIRE FROM PT BOATS RESULTED IN ONLY ONE HIT
ON MADDOX AND NO CASUALTIES.

8. AFTER BOATS TURNED AWAY MADDOX TURNED TO PURSUE UNTIL
RELIEVED BY TICO AIRCRAFT.

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